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EXAMPLE FOR BOYS.

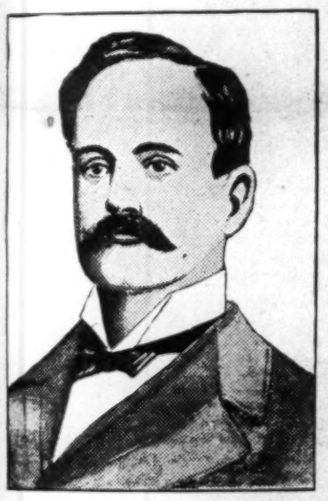
It Is Found in the Career of Prof. S. P. Brooks.

Rose from Section Hand on Railroad to College President by His Own Endeavors and Commendable Ambition.

From the position of section hand on a railroad, where he worked with a spade, earning 65 cents a day, to the head of an educational institution of unquestioned standing, is the novel rise made by S. P. Brooks, who has just been elected to the presidency of Baylor university at Waco, Tex.

Early in his life, while he was toiling early and late on the roadbed of the Santa Fe railroad, Brooks made up his mind that he was not cut out for a section hand and set out to fit himself for something better. It never occurred to him that his efforts would result any other way than successfully, and with this confidence and determination he set out to make the most of his limited opportunities. He is now 45 years old, and the predominating ambition of his life was realized when he was selected to preside over Baylor university. It was there that he first attended college, and it was largely through the influence of the faculty that he was enabled to continue the course and complete his education.

Less than 20 years ago Brooks was a member of a section gang and, as might be expected when his subsequent career is taken into account, he was one of the best "hands" on the road. Whatever he undertook he did well. With his foreman he was popular. He was upright, industrious, honest and conscientious in his work, yet he was not liked by the other hands because he saved his small earnings and engaged in no pastimes of questionable propriety. During the noon hour, when his fellow-workmen were swapping yarns or playing cards, young Brooks usually sought a shady spot under some friendly tree, and here



PROF. S. P. BROOKS.
(College President Who Began Life as a Section Hand.)

gave himself over to study or reading. In the section-house at night, and when prevented by the weather from work on the roadbed, he gave his undivided attention to such books as he was able to lay his hands on or buy with the money he saved out of his earnings. Even the other section men gradually came to realize that this industrious young fellow was different from the rest of them, and their dislike for him finally grew into toleration, and then deep admiration. The unambitious laborers began to utilize him as a sort of bureau of useful information. He was also their supreme court, to whom all questions debated by the gang were referred for final decision.

He worked for the Santa Fe railroad between Galveston and Brenham for a year or more, and during all this time the foreman was never compelled to charge him for an hour of lost time. Another thing said of him is that he never lost or broke a tool or implement of any kind, and his spade was not only always in place, but was as bright as a dollar and as sharp as it is necessary for a spade to be. While young Brooks was laboring on the railroad he was constantly looking forward to the time when he would be financially able to enter college. At the end of a year's service he had saved enough money for one year in Baylor university, which he entered. His disposition and habits, his evident determination to make the most of every opportunity, attracted the attention of President R. C. Burleson, the founder of Baylor in the days when Texas was a republic, and who remained at the head of the school until it had grown to be the chief sectarian institution of learning in the southwest. He talked with the young man, and learned of his ambitions, and an arrangement was made by which Brooks was enabled to get through his second session at the school.

After graduating at Baylor university Prof. Brooks was a member of the faculty until two years ago, when he entered Harvard to take a post-graduate course.

Prof. Brooks now ranks easily among the ripest scholars in the west. He is a fine speaker, and has won distinction as a lecturer. He speaks rapidly, enunciates distinctly and gesticulates with grace and force. He is easy and dignified, and his eloquence at times is impassioned. There is a degree of self-forgetfulness and earnestness in his style that causes his audience to lose sight of the man entirely and become completely absorbed in the presentation of his theme.

Prof. Brooks will take charge of the institution at the close of the present term.

MARKED PLAYING CARDS.

Pack Which Is Considered a Marvel of Its Kind Captured in New York City.

The paraphernalia captured in the room in the New York flat where Bat Masterson and other gamblers were arrested included a deck of marked cards, which are a marvel of their kind. The faro box, as far as the detectives at headquarters could discover, was "straight," though the springs seemed to be a trifle weak. The marked cards gave the dealer, providing he was a clever manipulator, an absolute advantage over the player.

On the margin of each card was a tiny speck, or two specks, or three specks. No ordinary inspection would reveal the presence of these specks on the cards. The dealer must have eyes like a hawk to read them. All the ten spots have two specks on the vertical margin close to the corner.

The nines have two specks an eighth of an inch from the corner, the eight spots two specks a quarter of an inch from the corner; the seven spots have three specks; the six spots have one speck a quarter of an inch from the corner; the fives one speck an eighth of an inch from the corner; the fours one speck in the corner.

The kings have two specks in the center of the vertical margin, the queens two specks an eighth of an inch from the center. The aces have one speck in the center, the deuces one speck an eighth of an inch from the center, and the trays one speck a quarter of an inch from the center.

In dealing the cards the crooked operator could work out the tiniest edge of the cards under the top one and read them by the specks on the margin.

ORIGIN OF HIS TITLE.

How First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne Become a Full-Fledged Colonel.

The first assistant postmaster general is commonly addressed as "Col." Robert Wynne. He is not a military man, but, as he claims a judicially indorsed right to the title, the use made of the same by himself and by others is possibly legitimate. On one occasion he was called as a witness in a damage suit. The subpena referred to him as "Col. Robert J. Wynne." The lawyer to whose cause Mr. Wynne's testimony was adverse was disposed to be sarcastic at the expense of the witness.

"You have been summoned as 'Col.' Robert J. Wynne," said the lawyer. "What military service have you ever done?"

"None whatever, but you cannot hold me responsible for the way your subpenas are made out."

"Where did you get that title of 'colonel?'"

"I submit, your honor," said Wynne, turning to the court, "that a residence of 25 years in Washington is enough to entitle me to that rank."

"It certainly is," returned the court, and from that moment Mr. Wynne's right to adorn his name with an inspiring prefix has never been questioned.

It is not generally known that when a person falls into the water a common felt hat may be made use of as a life preserver, and by placing the hat upon the water, rim down, with the arm around it, pressing it slightly to the breast, it will bear a man up for hours.

New Kind of Pavement.

Compressed grass has been used in the construction of a Philadelphia street with, it is said, admirable results; and not long since a scheme for employing compressed paper for a like purpose was mooted in Russia.

THE POLITICAL BOSS.

The Southern Politician Dead? Booker T. Washington Must Indorse You

Mr. Ferguson, of Texas, called to see the President last week and asked for a certain political office in his state. In reply to his request, President Roosevelt told the Texas politician that he could not even consider his application until he secured the indorsement of Booker T. Washington. Of course Mr. Washington has no doubt informed the President that he will deliver to him the Texas delegation to the next National Republican Convention without the consent of Mr. Ferguson. Washington is now the political boss. The southern negro is disfranchised and has nothing to say in the appointment of his brother to office. Where are Pledger, Lyons, Dancy, Deveaux, Rucker and others.

An Accomplished Artist.

THE MASTER OF HIS PROFESSION —WHAT THE SOUTH HAS PRODUCED.

Prof. John A. Lankford, M. S., of Raleigh, N. C., Architecural Drawing His Profession—He Invades the Capital and Gives Practical Lessons in His Line of Busines.

While much has been said against the South and the colored man, it is so strange that the best educators and the most accomplished in all the professions, trades and industries come from that section of the United States It is quite evident the best working men are found among the southern negroes. It is strange that they are master of their trades and professions and yet it is claimed that the southern negro is shiftless and good for nothing. THE BEE presents this week, although a great deal has been said, Prof. John A. Lankford, M. S., of Raleigh, N. C., and Superintendent of the Industrial School at Shaw University.

PROF. JOHN A. LANKFORD, M. S.
The Most Scientific Artist in the United States—He Has Several Trades and Professions.

Raleigh, N. C., one of, if not the best college in the South. Prof. Lankford stands about six feet and one inch. He has a classic physique and a commanding continence. He is the master and professor of several trades and professions. He was born at Patosi, Mo., in the year of 1874 comparatively a young man. He studied in the public schools of his birth. He went to Crystal City on the Mississippi river, having obtained employment with a German mechanic, only receiving his board.

Prof. Inman E. Page, formerly of this city and one of the best educators in this country secured admission for him in the Lincoln Institute where he took a college course Having spent six years in this institution taking a full course in mechanical drawing, blacksmithing, carpentry, engineering and as a machinist, he left for St. Louis, Mo., where he started a business of blacksmithing.

Dr. Charles F. Meserve, president of Shaw University invited him to accept the position of Superintendent of the Industrial Department of his college and is now Superintendent of the department and professor of natural science in that institution.

He has come to this city to take charge of the architectual work of the True Reformers large building to be built in the northwest section of this city. His drawings were submitted to the Engineers Department of the District Government and have been fully approved by that department. He has also made the drawings for the new John Wesley Church, formerly the Berean Baptist Church, 18th street between L and M streets, northwest, and several other big enterprises in this city. There is nothing in the line of his profession that he doesn't know. Where ever he goes he is spoken of as the natural genius of mankind and of which any race or nation should be proud. All nationalities, who have seen his work and the ease which he executes the same and the ability that he demonstrates, speak of him as the master of his trades and professions.

Prof. Lankford put in the machinery to the amount of twenty thousand dollars in Prof. Council's School at Normal Ala.; also the machinery in the Coleman's Cotton Mills, of Concord, N. C., the largest cotton mill in the world conducted by negroes and equal to any white institution. In the year of 1895 at the time the strike took place in Atlanta, Ga., Prof. Lankford was boss of the principal department of Fulton Bag and Cotton Co., in Georgia in fact the largest company in the United States. Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith of the Interior Department under Cleveland's administration, was the principal arbitrator in settling this strike, but Prof. Lankford, resigned his position and went to Nashville, Tenn., where he was appointed head engineer over the ice company that made all the ice for the Nashville, Tenn., Exposition.

He has discovered several things in science and has a natural inventive genius that many men don't possess.

Prof. Lankford married the cultured and refined grand-daughter of Bishop H. M. Turner of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop Turner is the Senior Bishop and one of the best known men in the world.

Some of the leading papers and magazines commend him as a man of remarkable genius and master of his business. He is scientific. He is unassuming, genial, but a positive character. He is affable in his manners and much can be learned by conversing with him. The nation's capital will see one of the finest structure ever designed by man, notwithstanding the charge that the negro cannot grasp science. He is a man to whom all nationalities will boast, possessing a genius that cannot be taken from him Having a brain that is intoxicated with science and expression of thoughts which the unprejudiced appetite of the scientific world imbibes with greediness. The scientific history of the world will never be complete if it fails to contain Prof. John A. Landford, M. S. to whom the nation's capital is introduced.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The new Masonic Temple, 1111 19th street, northwest. We are glad to note that through the active and untiring efforts of Mr. Alfred H. T. Walker, (Al Walker). The colored Masons of the District are to be congratulated. Mr. Walker is the Grand Secretary of the most worshipful Grand Lodge F. A. A. M., of the district of Columbia, incorporated by Mr. Henry Clay Scott, Grand Master. They have now a very beautiful new Masonic home. Under the personal superintendence of Mr. Walker the 19th street property has been remodeled and beautified to the plan drawn by Mr. B. P. Bond, architect 136 B street, southwest. Mr. Chapman Jackson, carpenter and builder, 2209 9 h street, northwest, contracted for all carpentering. Mr. Charles H. Green, master bricklayer, 1857 L street northwest. Mr. John Washington, painter and decorator, 1114 21-t street northwest and many others employed in various capacities. The concrete and granolithic walk executed by Mr. Allen Cobert, contractor is certainly deserving of some little attention. The beautiful panel metallic ceiling put up by the Hillengass Sons of Langdon, D. C., is one of the handsomest if not the finest in any public hall in the Distric of Columbia. This new building contains one of the finest halls for the public entertainments in the city has all modern improvements, gas, electric lights, fans and steam heat finely arranged, sanitary toilets for the ladies and gentleman. The main auditorium will accomodate 1,000 guests with comfort. The ladies room will be in the care of a matron who will look to the care of the ladies. The beautiful waxed floor suitable for dancing is the real feature of this spacious room. The second floor is given up entirely to societies, clubs and other small bodies for meets. The lodges of Masons will also meet on this floor which will be conducted with an eye single to comfort and pleasure in meeting. A beautiful Cafe Dining Room o 31x25 feet that will seat 200 people is situated in the basement and will be conducted to cater to the wants of the patrons. Game in season, sea food of all kinds. Shell fish a specialty. Ice cream cake and other delicacies. The location of this hall is one of the finest in the District of Columbia, and is central among the best and foremost people in Washington. Take the Pensylvania avenue cars and get off at 19th street, walk to L street on east side to hall. Take Connecticut avenue cars get off at L street and walk to 19th street to hall. Protection as a feature. The Police Department has arranged so as to give ample police service at all times. Mr. Walker has made all necessary arrangements to insure to those who attend entertainments for pleasure and enjoyment a freedom from the annoyance of ungentlemanly or unlady like behavior on part of any individual. Mr. Walker's motto is: "No Rough's Needed." This building will be completed by July 15, 1902, ready for use. The book is open now for engagements and can be made by applying at office in the building. The New Masonic Temple Hall, 1111 19th street, northwest, between L and M streets.

A New Industrial School.

A representative gathering was held Monday night at 10th Street Baptist Church, in the interest of an Industrial School to be established at Providence Heights, Va. Already has been established a Sunday School by the same persons who are interested in the above movement. The school is in a very prosperous condition. The following persons were on the programme for addresses: Hons. John C. Dancy and Judson W. Lyons, Capt. I. F. Norman, of Falls Church, Va., and Mrs. M. F. Clare, Revs. Geo. W. Lee, W. J. Howard and G. Lamkins represented the clergy. Miss Marie James and Prof. J. T. Layton furnished the music. Short talks were also made by Drs. Connor and Napper. Rev. A. Lott, of Alexandria, Va., Mrs. J. M. Layton and Miss Mattie Cook, of Domestic Science Department of our District Schools The following committee are in charge: Mrs. Julia M. Layton, chairman. Mesdames Lawson, Connor, Watson, Lucas and Hamilton, Dr. Napper, Mr. Jos. Jackson and Rev. A. Scott, Misses James and Cook.

DR. FRANK BILLINGS.

New President of American Medical Association Is a Well-Known Chicago Physician.

Dr. Frank Billings, who has just been elected president of the American Medical association at the convention in Saratoga, N. Y., has been known among Chicago's medical practitioners and educators nearly 20 years. He was graduated from Chicago Medical college, now the medical department of Northwestern university, and, after a year spent as an interne at the Chicago hospital, engaged in post-graduate work at Vienna and Paris. Returning to Chicago, he accepted the chair of professor of medicine in Chicago Medical college, resigning to accept a similar position with Rush Medical college. He is now the dean of the latter college and the head of its medical department. He is also attending physician to the Presbyterian and Cook county hospitals. His contributions to current medical literature have given him a national reputation.

Streets Paved with Glass.

Streets paved with glass are not by any means unknown. The famous Rue de la Republique at Lyons is a notable example. Here the pavement is laid in glass blocks, eight inches square, which are so symmetrically fitted together as to prevent the possibility of water passing between the interstices.

Horses in Australia.

There were only 200 horses in Australia in the year 1800; now there are more than 2,000,000.

Town of Early Marriages.

Rhosllanerchrugog, North Wales, probably holds the record for early marriages. The place is a thriving mining town of about 10,000 population. The majority of the marriages are contracted when the bridegroom is from 18 to 20 years of age, and the bride generally about two years younger. The marriages, as a rule, are happy ones, for the young miner of 18 or 20 is able to earn a splendid wage. After a few months of married life the young husband's whole ambition is to build himself a house. He himself does most of the building work.

Swearing on the Trinity.

Probably the most curious European oath is administered in Norway. The witness raises his thumb, his forefinger, and his middle finger. These signify the Trinity, while the larger of the uplifted fingers is supposed to represent the soul of the witness and the smaller its inclination his body.

Oregon Salmon in Germany.

Salmon frozen in Oregon and shipped to the cities of Germany can be bought there for 35 cents a pound, while German salmon cost $1.25 a pound.

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RADICALS IN POWER.

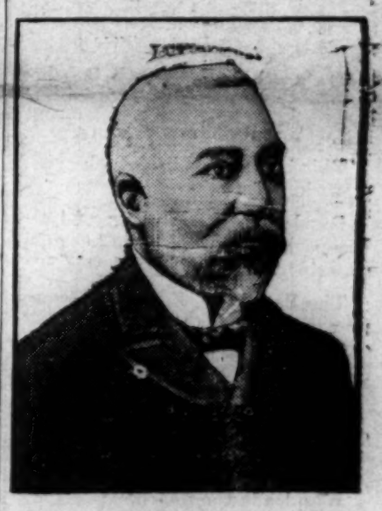
New French Ministry Has Several Strong Points.

Premier Combes Has Gathered Advisers Said to Form the Most Anti-Clerical Cabinet France Has Had.

The ministry, of which M. Emile Combes is the chief, and which is the forty-first that has existed in France since the downfall of the empire on September 4, 1871, is described as "the most radical and most anti-clerical cabinet" that has yet been constituted. If the electioneering posters and speeches of the individual members of the ministry be taken into account there might be cause for alarm lest radical or socialistic theories propounded at the hustings be put into execution and render practical economical government impossible. But responsibility of office, and the collective common sense of a dozen experienced, quick-witted men, now, as on many other occasions in France, is likely to furnish the requisite ballast and give stability to the new cabinet even if this were not already guaranteed by the retention of M. Delcasse at the foreign office, and of the presence of such a sound business man as M. Rouvier at the ministry of finance.

M. Emile Combes, who succeeds M. Waldeck-Rousseau as prime minister, is a man of retiring disposition, scarcely known outside the senate, where he was often vice president, and where for five years he has been the recognized leader of the radical group. In spite of his 67 years "Pere Combes," as he is called at the Luxembourg palace, is vigorous and energetic. He is a white-haired, wiry man, five feet three inches in height. His bright, sparkling eyes are half concealed by gold eyeglasses, and he glides about at a rapid pace, often with a book or portfolio under his arm, like a little white mouse.

He was brought up in the Roman Catholic seminary at Albi, and his



M. EMILE COMBES.
(Head of the New Ministry Recently Formed in France.)

parents intended him for the church. He has been a village physician, and a schoolmaster. During his political career he made a specialty of public education, and in the shortlived radical ministry of M. Leon Bourgeois in 1895 he was minister of that department. M. Combes is a personal friend of President Loubet, and also of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, who first suggested his name as the man most likely to succeed in forming a cabinet representing the radical majority of the new parliament. M. Combes set about his task with caracteristic energy. He jumped into a cab, and, accompanied by his son, spent the day driving about ringing the door bells of radical leaders, and conferring with such men as MM. Bourgeois, Sarrien, Valle, Trouillot, Delcasse and Gen. Andre.

In the formation of his cabinet, which was effected in the unprecedented period of 48 hours, M. Combes followed on all essential points the advice of M. Waldeck-Rousseau. M. Combes is not a brilliant orator, but has a logical, businesslike way of stating a case that carries with it sympathy and conviction. He is by no means an ambitious man, and in the lobbies of the chamber it is whispered that M. Rouvier, to whom he entrusted the portfolio of finance, will soon supplant him as prime minister. M. Combes is an out-and-out radical and anti-clerical, and proposes to deal immediately with the questions of state monopoly of education and the repeal of the Falloux law so favorable to the religious orders.

M. Combes, physically, is the smallest member of the cabinet. He lives modestly, near the senate house. He is president of the democratic group in the senate. The positions he has held—chairman of the committee of the law of associations and reporter of the bill on secondary education—marked him out for the premiership.

Weight of Man's Skeleton.

The skeleton of a man of average size weights about 14 pounds.

They Say.

Some people are fools.

Good friends are hard to find.

The politician South, has lost his leadership.

There are some great men in the world.

Senator Hanna is the winning man.

There will be a shaking up the dry bones.

The democratic party is preparing for the fight.

Col. Bryan will give them trouble.

President Roosevelt has a good opinion of the Wizzard.

Some men like others because they can be used.

The world is full of sin.

The southern politicians will have to take a back seat.

When you think you are doing the best you are doing nothing.

Your pretended friends will stab you in the back.

Is there to be no unity among colored attorneys

Don't pass your friends and pretend that you don't see them.

You may need them some day when you are in trouble.

The man who knows a friend will keep him.

Don't be carried away b new faces.

The truest friend is the one when you need him.

Speak the truth always and then you will have no cause to fear.

The man who comes to you wit a tale is a deceiver.

The truth is easy to tell when you are honest.

Speak well of your friends.

This is a world in which good men should act.

Dr. J. H. M. Waring, and Dr. Bruce Evans would make good superintendents of the schools.

The Board of Education could do something for the people.

Who will be the next presidential nominee.

Prof. Booker T. Washington ought to give the country a rest.

Let us live in peace.

Who leads the negro?

Washington the Wizzard of the South.

Has the negro a leader.

Why certainly.

Is the race in need of a leader?

If you are right don't fail to act.

Friendship is a jewel and you should never lose it.

Think of those who are your friends.

The colored commission is dead.

The bill is a dead letter.

There are lots of puddle dogs in this city.

If you have never seen a fice dog listen when he barks at THE BEE.

Only small dogs bark at THE BEE.

They are harmless.

They must bark at big things to let other dogs know that they are alive.

Keen Observation.

"Do you know anything about the people who have moved next door?" she inquired.

"Not much," he answered; "except that their honeymoon is not yet over."

"How did you find that out?"

"By observing. It was raining when he came home this evening, but she did not make him stop at the front door to wipe his feet."—Washington Star.

What He Would Need.

"My friend," exclaimed the eloquent minister, "were the average man to turn and look himself squarely in the eyes and ask himself what he really needed most, what would be the first reply suggested to his mind?"

"A rubber neck!" shouted the precocious urchin in the rear of the room.—Tit-Bits.

THE TWO EXTREMES.

Experiences of a Haberdasher Who Wanted an Errand Boy.

Had No Use for Goody-Goodies Nor for Ruffians—One Applicant He Taught Manners at Toe End of a No. 11 Shoe.

The "Boy Wanted" sign had been on exhibition in the front showcase of the gents' furnishing store all the morning, and the proprietor of the plant, a bluff, hearty, out-and-out, somewhat slangy individual, had had troubles of his own in examining juvenile applicants who presented themselves for the job.

They had all been of such a truly-good stamp as to cause the proprietor of the store the most intense weariness, says the Washington Star.

They all had that scrubbed, sheepish look, such as is worn by boys whose mothers send them out to look for summer vacation work.

And they all talked as if they'd been tipped off by their mothers what to say in asking for a boy's job.

Not acting their own parts, therefore, it was impossible for them to show up otherwise than as sort of sneaky, hang-dog and underhand.

They were too infernally willing to work hard, and for long hours, it struck the man who wanted to employ an errand boy, and they were too unanimous in their expressed desire to "help out at home," and they were a whole lot too well primed in their assertions that they just naturally hated to be idle during the school vacations.

The boss of the store was as polite and considerate as it was in him to be in sending this procession of youngsters away, but for all that he sent them away when he had tried them out and found them to be all of a sort.

Finally, along toward noon, a rather tough-looking young proposition, with a snub nose, freckled face, green eyes and a confident grin, walked in and applied for the job.

"And what makes you think you

SWIFT RIDE TO FRONT DOOR.

want a job, my little man?" inquired the boss.

"Aw, 'cause I need de coin," was the reply of the freckled boy.

"Oh, that's it? And what would you do with your pay, pray?"

"Aw blow it, o' course—wot d'ye t'ink I'd do wit' it, send it t' de heathen?"

"And would you be willing to work faithfully from seven in the morning until six in the evening, and not keep your eye glued to the clock all the time?"

"Well, I'd do me work all right, but I'd want t' frame up me getaway w'en de whistle blew all right, at dat."

"Well," said the latter, finally, "I think, my son, I will give you—"

Right here, however, is the point where this story turns off from the main road of professional funnyism and takes to the tall cactus of dead honest truth. No, the boss of the store did not act as if the tough, frank lad had made a huge hit with him. He did not say to himself: "Well, here, at least, is a candid, untutored-by-his-mother boy that will probably develop into the real thing." Not much, did he. Consequently, the main object of this veracious story, and of all others proceeding from the same source, being the inculcation of a love for strict truthfulness—

"Well," said the boss of the store, as the snub-nosed boy's homely face lighted up expectantly, "I think I will give you about as swift a ride to a front door on the toe of a No. 11 shoe as you're likely to get for the rest of your life, if only for the purpose of teaching you a little manners, you miserable young whelp, and to sort o' ride some of the toughness out of you," and inside of just nine seconds from the boss' last word the freckle-faced boy was on the sidewalk, rubbing his person, and a whole lot of his exterior toughness departed.

There's a medium stratum in boys, just as there is in a heap of other things, and by evening the gents' furnishing man had employed a lad who was neither goody-good nor a ruffian.

She Couldn't Get Married.

A young woman in Paris who recently became engaged to be married applied for her official papers and discovered to her horror that a mistake as to her sex had been made and she had been put down on the register as a boy. She also discovered that the police, believing her to be a boy, had a warrant for her arrest for not presenting herself for military service. She will now have to prove her identity, and it will take about six months to rectify matters. In the meantime the marriage has had to be postponed indefinitely.

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How an English Barrister Once Upon a Time Outwitted a Hibernian Witness.

An English barrister recently told an amusing story of a legal victory he won when, as counsel for the defendant, he was examining the complainant in a certain case.

His client, "Hat" Wheelock, had got into a quarrel with one "Pat" McDonald over a horse transaction. The quarrel had gone so far that McDonald had made application to a magistrate to have Wheelock bound over to keep the peace, alleging that he had threatened to do him bodily injury.

When the case was called McDonald testified to the circumstances under

"NIVVER!" HE SHOUTED.

which Wheelock had threatened him. The cross-examination began.

"Now, Mr. McDonald," the lawyer said, "you declare that you are under fear of bodily harm?"

"I am, sorr."

"You are even afraid for your life?"

"I am, sorr."

"Then you freely admit that Hat Wheelock can whip you, Pat McDonald?"

The question roused McDonald's "Irish" instantly.

"Hat Wheelock whip me? Nivver!" he shouted. "I kin whip him and anny half-dozen like him!"

"That will do, Mr. McDonald," said the attorney. The court was already in a roar, and the lawyer concluded the case without further testimony or argument. The action was dismissed, for it was evident that Pat could not be under serious bodily fear of a man whom he could whip so easily.

PANIC IN A CHURCH.

Dog with Lighted Firecrackers Tied to His Tail Arouses Fear of Chicago Congregation.

A premature Fourth of July celebration, participated in by small boys and a large yellow dog, caused excitement in the New England Congregational church, at Dearborn avenue and Delaware place, Chicago, and temporarily stopped the services.

The service was in progress when the dog ran yelping into the edifice. To its tail a large bunch of lighted firecrackers had been tied, and explosions accompanied the dog's howls. Few of the congregation had seen the animal, and the noise caused excitement among the people. Those who had seen the dog enter ran to the street and summoned

CAUSE OF THE PANIC.

Detectives McKune and Maher, of the East Chicago avenue station.

When the policemen entered the people were in one corner of the church, while the dog was running about the other sections. Attempts to grasp it or to remove the explosives, were resented by vicious snaps from the dog. The detectives finally cornered the animal by piling chairs around it, and it was then carried outside and released in an adjacent alley. The services were then resumed.

The Harp of the Mosquito.

The members of the Royal Society of Edinburgh were interested, at a recent meeting, in the announcement by Messrs. A. E. Shipley and Edwin Wilson of the discovery of an apparatus, heretofore overlooked or neglected, at the base of the mosquito's wings, whereby the characteristic humming of that insect may be produced. The species examined was the anophèles maculipennis, and the apparatus consists of a slightly movable bar provided with a series of well-marked teeth which, as the wings are raised and lowered, rasp across a series of ridges. The structure of the apparatus is described as very complex, but the music produced, as everybody knows, is extremely effective.

HE WELCOMED DEATH

Doctor Tells Why a Patient Didn't Want to Get Well.

He Did Not Wish to Be Comforted by His Two Wives, Who Met Each Other Unexpectedly at His Bedside.

"We had a funny case at the hospital the other day," said a New York doctor to a St. Louis Republic correspondent, "the circumstances of which you can interpret as you please after you have heard the details.

"A man was brought in pretty badly injured. He had attempted to get off a trolley car while it was in motion and had struck one of the 'L' pillars. The result was concussion of the brain and some fractured ribs. In his pocket were two letters, both of which bore the name of John Ruggles, but the addresses on the envelopes were different. One letter was addressed to Baltimore and the other to Annapolis. There was absolutely nothing else by which the man could be identified. We took the only means that we could of communicating with his friends, which was by telegraphing to both places.

"Next day a woman called and said she lived at the address we had telegraphed to in Baltimore, and said she had no doubt that the injured man was her husband. He was, she explained, a guard on the line between Baltimore and Annapolis, and had come to New York on a holiday. No sooner had she got through with her story than another woman rushed in, saying that she had no doubt in the world, from the description we had furnished, that the patient was her spouse.

"She also volunteered the statement that her husband was a guard and worked on the line between Baltimore and Annapolis, at which latter place she lived. Furthermore, she said that he stopped alternate days at the towns mentioned.

"We were in a quandary as to what to do. At last we decided that the best way out of the difficulty was to let both women see the patient, who

"I WOULD RATHER DIE."

was hardly conscious. We warned the women that they must control their feelings and not make a scene, as the patient was still in a critical condition. This they promised to do.

"They both approached the bed where Ruggles lay and looked at him. Number One burst into tears, and sobbed out: 'Oh, yes, that's my John! I'd know him anywhere,' while Number Two, though controlling her feelings, had not the least difficulty in identifying the poor fellow as her spouse from Annapolis.

"Confusion was worse confounded, when, having been asked to describe some distinguishing mark on Ruggles' body, both women simultaneously described a strawberry mark on the right leg and a scar on his arm. Both marks were found.

"Nothing now remained to be done but to wait for the patient to recover somewhat before he could meet the women face to face and himself decide which of the two was his wife. I must say that I had a hope for his sake that the poor man would not recover, for I had my own theory of the matter.

"By dint of good nursing, however, and with the aid of a strong constitution, Ruggles was pronounced one day as able to go through the trying ordeal of meeting his would-be spouses. The two women were sent for, and without telling him that anyone was coming to see him, we brought the two claimants to the ward.

"They both gave one look at him, and would have rushed to greet him had we not restrained their outburst of affection.

"The patient stared at one and then at the other with a dazed gaze, and then sank back on the pillows. I put some brandy to his lips and comforted him by saying: 'Brace up, man. You'll get all right!' when he, falling into unconsciousness, whispered in my ear: 'Doctor, I would rather die.'

"And he did."

Not on the Grand Jury.

Here is the way a Pawnee county man confessed at a revival meeting in Kansas. He had been pressed to repent, and finally got up and said: "Dear friends, I feel the spirit moving in me to talk and tell what a bad man I've been, but I can't do it while the grand jury is in session." "The Lord will forgive you," shouted the preacher. "I guess that's right," said the penitent, "but he ain't on the grand jury."

Thought-Weighing Machine.

A thought-weighing machine has been invented by Prof. Mosso, an Italian physiologist, the rush of blood to the head turning the scale. The machine is so delicate that it can measure the difference in the exertion needed to read Greek from that required for Latin.

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Mr. Smith tells the story to his friends and vouches for its truthfulness. A great deal of excitement exists over the oil discoveries in that section, and in many places the land has been tapped and prospecting carried on without regard to the results

THEIR FATAL MISTAKE.

should the oil be found in paying quantities. In some instances, because of the premature work, great quantities of the sought-for fluid are spouting out and going to waste before the eyes of those who were so anxious to ascertain whether their land was rich in deposits of petroleum. The rancher who startled Mr. Smith, as well as his neighbors, was in just such a quandary.

He had oil, and it was going to waste, while he made almost superhuman efforts to control it or dispose of his lands to those who had the capital and were willing to do so. In the meantime, game became scarce and his appetite was on edge.

Ducks were moving north, and the rancher longed for a pair, that he might have a feast, but he was short, extremely short, on ammunition. His thoughts reverted to the wasting oil.

An idea came, and it was put in action. He dug a trench from his oil well to a nearby gulch, and soon had the oil running into the depression in the earth's surface. Once the gulch was filled, the rancher waited for his game, and he was not disappointed, for before the setting of another sun a large flock of ducks circled about the gulch and soon alighted in the veritable oil river.

No sooner had the birds alighted than they discovered their fatal mistake. They were powerless to withdraw, as the oil weighed heavily on them, and the ranchman found little difficulty in securing enough ducks to last several weeks. He says he will keep the oil pond replenished, as the ducks will bring in a handsome revenue from the market this season.

THE COWBOY'S REVENGE.

How He Reproved an Eastern Woman Who Objected to His Western Table Manners.

Delegate Rodey, of New Mexico, whose fund of good stories is exhaustless, related this incident in the house

"PLEASE GET ME AN AX."

cloakroom, to a Washington Post reporter:

"I was traveling through the west a couple of years ago," he said, "when our train stopped at an eating place for dinner. The woman who kept the place was evidently an easterner, and was quite anxious to spread around her the cultured habits of her section.

"'Will you please give me a knife for my pie,' said one of the men eating dinner.

"'We don't eat pie with a knife here,' replied the woman, quite severely.

"'Then, madam,' remarked the cowboy, quite unabashed, 'will you please get me an ax?'"

New Way of Killing Rats.

A druggist in Bayonne, N. J., was annoyed by a cellar full of rats. He sprinkled grated cheese upon little pieces of sponge, and placed them where the rats frequented, with pans of water near. The animals ate and drank, swelled up and died.

VETERANS LIKE HIM.

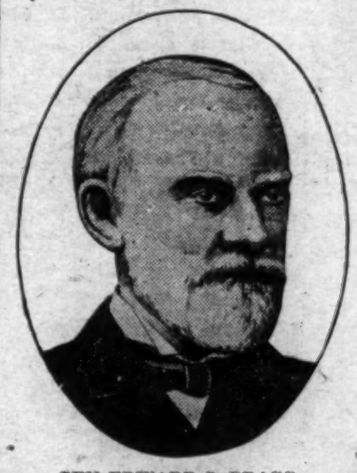
Are Pleased with President for Honoring Gen. Bragg.

Famous in History as Commander of the "Iron Brigade"—Fearless in Battle and Always Active in Politics.

Seventy-five years have silvered the hair and beard of Gen. Edward S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, who has just been appointed by President Roosevelt as consul general at Havana. Almost diminutive in stature, the veteran is still in the possession of great mental vigor. His eye is yet clear and piercing, his conversation entertaining, his wit keen, his sarcasm as incisive as in the days when he was a leading figure in the political contentions that early gave him a national as well as a local fame. He was ever a controversialist, and nothing delighted him more than to be in the heat of every political fight, state and national. He made a host of enemies during his long career, but his friends quote his own words, uttered in the convention that nominated Mr. Cleveland the second time for the presidency: "We love him for the enemies he has made."

It was as the commander of the famous Iron brigade in the army of the Potomac during the civil war that Gen. Bragg won his chief title to everlasting fame. The brigade consisted of the Second, Fifth and Sixth Wisconsin regiments, and the Nineteenth Indiana, and with few changes this organization was maintained until the close of the war. The late Gen. John Gibbon was the original commander, but on his promotion to the command of a corps Gen. Bragg was placed in control. From the date of his assuming his duties to the close of the war he was constantly at the head of his men, cheering them on to gallant deeds.

Gen. Bragg is just such a fighter in politics as he was in war, and he is always in his element when contending against heavy odds. Although his hair has been turned gray by the frosts of many winters, in spirit he is as indomitable as ever, as ready to lead a forlorn hope as he was to lead a charge in the day when he was 34 years younger than now.



GEN EDWARD S. BRAGG.
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In the national campaign of 1896 he refused to support the candidacy of William J. Bryan, and enrolled himself in the ranks of the national democracy with Gen. John M. Palmer as its candidate. In 1900 he still refused to support Mr. Bryan, and although he took no part in the campaign, was known to favor the reelection of Mr. McKinley, that being, as he expressed it, "the least of two evils."

Gen. Bragg served for four terms in congress after the close of the war. While in the house he was an uncompromising democrat, opposing with all his vigor and eloquence the republican party. He was appointed minister to Mexico by President Cleveland in 1887. For many years he was without a superior as a political debater, and the galleries of the house of representatives were always well filled when it was known he was to speak. In the national democratic convention of 1888, held in Chicago, he made the famous speech seconding the nomination of Grover Cleveland for the presidency, in which he used the famous phrase, in reply to the assault of a Tammany delegate upon Mr. Cleveland: "We love him for the enemies he has made." This phrase became a rallying cry of the campaign and did much toward cementing the democratic party in Mr. Cleveland's support, although it widened the breach between him and the Tammany faction and doubtless contributed somewhat to the election of Mr. Harrison.

Gen. Bragg has a pleasant home at Fond du Lac, Wis., where he has resided ever since settling in the state. A daughter is married to a lieutenant in the United States navy, another to a prominent Fond du Lac business man and a third is at home with him.

A Sample of Scotch Caution.

A certain Scottish minister in a west highland parish has never yet been known to permit a stranger to occupy his pulpit. Lately, however, an Edinburgh divinity student was spending a few days in the parish, and on the Saturday he called at the manse and

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A Bad Practice.

One of the curious features of the educational system of our city, as applied to the colored schools, is the custom of passing pupils from one grade to anoti er and from one class to the other in the High School upon what they are pleased to call "*condition.*" If we are not misinformed, no such custom obtains in the system of white schools. Even if the custom prevails in the latter system no publication of it reaches the newspapers.

Now there are strong and far-reaching reasons why pupils should *not* be *conditioned* and still stronger ones why, when conditioned they should not be so published. In the first place, there should be no advancement upon *conditions* If the pupil is absolutely stupid and does not display ability to meet the requirements of a given grade, that pupil should be made to repeat the grade or year as the case may be. If on the other hand, a pupil shows ability to master and does master the more important subjects pertaining to a given grade or year, it is fair to presume that as he continues his course, he will develop a taste or faculty for overcoming the difficulties under which he has previously labored with respect to some particular subjects and develop into an all round good pupil. To advertise the unimportant short comings of a pupil, operates to humiliate and in many cases to discourage and produces about the same effect as would be the case if a parent repremanded a child in the presence of others. The fact of passing a pupil upon condition, presumes an approximation to every requirement and hence it is the duty of educators to encourage rather than humiliate the pupils. Everyone, who is familiar with the peculiarities of children and the prejudices of old folks, knows how hard is the lot of the conditioned pupil. He is referred to as one on trial, or probation, or under sentence and his advancement is not infrequently retarded by the indifference of the teachers and the ostracism of his associates.

Moreover the object of our school system is not to make *graduates.* Its primary object is to educate, to draw out the latent powers and capabilities of the pupil, thereby enabling him to better his condition and that of his fellows by a broader, clearer and more accurate conception of his duties and responsibilities and a knowledge of the methods by which the interests of society are advanced. When we come to consider the few who are able to graduate from the High or Normal Schools, as compared with the thousand who must stop within the graded schools, the custom of keeping a pupil back on account of some slight cause or because the average standing of a certain school may be reduced, works a hardship as contemptible and unjustifiable in its enforcement as it is unjust and harmful in its results.

Until a system of specialization is adopted, whereby the individualization of instruction may be secured, it must follow that great numbers will not display equal ability along all lines of educational work. Hence to the average pupil, every faculty should be given to learn all that is possibible during the short time allotted to him. As a pupil advances, he must learn more and more and even if he cannot acquire the *entire* curriculum, as he passes along, he will at least be better off from an educational point of view. It is possible that the hard requirements now in vogue may account in great measure for the great falling off in the higher grades. A year is a long time in the life of the average colored pupil and it should be our aim to give him all the aid possible. It is wrong to advance him on *condition.* It is cruel to subject him to humiliation. It is foolish to adverti e his shortcomings. If the whites can afford to dispense with *conditions,* certainly we can. Considered from every humane and reasonable standpoint and race conditions, the custom of keeping pupils back and placing them under *conditions* is radically wrong.

District Assessors.

In the appointment of the assessors of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners appointed two men in the persons of Messrs. Nye and MaKinsie. Both men are competent and The Bee is certain that their appointments are acceptable to the people.

There were several colored candidates for appointment, particularly Mr John F. Cook who represents no one and never did, except John Cook and his closed pocket book. Just why he continues to be an applicant for office after having been in office for twenty-five years or more and has never taken any interest in the people and he never wants them until he is a candidate for some office no one knows. And those people who wrote to the Commissioners representing to them that Mr. Cook would be acceptable to the colored people lied. The B e as well as the colored people have been cooked enough. Of course The Bee would have been pleased to have some deserving negro appointed and it is of the opinion that none was any more deserving than its Editor. Fortunes sometimes come to those who are patient, offices very often seek the deserving and whereas the Commissioners did not find a deserving negro among the hundred applicants, the editor excepted to be sure, because he was not an applicant. It is about time for Mr Cook to "go way back and sit down" and get rid of his mania for office. Let him live on the interest of his money and rent from his houses that good white citizens occupy. It is hoped that this ancient candidate for office will retire.

"A Black Brute.

From The Pine Bluff Herald.

This country is all stirred up by one of the most fiendish and dastardly crimes ever committed in this city. The regilence of the officers of the law alone averted a lynching perhaps in Pine Bluff. The four or five year old little child of Mr. Frank J Murray a well-known white citizen, was most fiendishly and brutally outraged by a young negro boy 19 or 20 years old by the name of Dan Kidd, a young school boy attending the Branch Normal College here last season. Kidd had worked at Mr. Murray's house while going to school, and in this way was enabled to perpetuate the crime. When the child's condition was made known and Kidd accused of it, he confessed, and Mr. Murray beat him into insensibility. He should have killed him and saved the county the expense and the other negroes of the community the disgrace of the crime and the humiliation of mob violence—Kidd was spirited off to Little Rock and is now in the pen for safe keeping.

It is asked by all kinds of organizations, societies, and churches to cease the lynching of the negro. You ask that the "Jim Crow" law be repealed and many other obnoxious things are asked to be done in the face of such brutality as is published in the Pine Bluff *Herald* a paper edited by a colored man

The negro is doing himself harm and is doing harm to his race. The negro has been advised to use the Winchester against the lyncher. There would be no need for the use of the Winchester if such henious crimes were committed by the negro.

The Bee is no coward as the world well knows, but its advice to the negro is, to let the Winchester alone and be a good and upright citizen, then the Winchester will not be needed.

Horseshoe Made of Straw.

In Japan the horses wear shoes made of rice straw, and they are fastened to the hoofs with ropes made of the same material.

WORTH SIXTY MILLIONS.

Columbia Undergraduate Who Is Considered the Richest Young Man in the World.

Marcellus Hartley Dodge, by many millions the richest youth in the United States, probably attracts less attention among those who do not know him than any other student interested in the commencement exercises at Columbia university, New York, this year.

He is still under 20, tall and slender in appearance, with dark eyes, and a pallid complexion, that shows his devotion to his books. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt received under his father's will, after all other bequests had been

MARCELLUS HARTLEY DODGE.
(Columbia Undergraduate, Richest Bachelor in America.)

paid, about $54,000,000. Marcellus Dodge received upward of $60,000,000 under his grandfather's will a few months ago.

His riches have not changed his manner of life. He still lives in one room at the lower part of Madison avenue, just as he has done since he first began to prepare for college. It is too far for him to walk to Columbia, but wherever he has to go within two or three miles of his home he walks, simply to save car fare.

He is economical almost to the point of penury. He dresses well, as befits an undergraduate, but never showily. About the only extravagances that he has are clothes and books.

Not long ago somebody asked young Dodge what he would do when he left Columbia. "That will not be until 1903," he said, "when I have attained my majority. I intend, then, to get right down to the serious problems of life. While not so rich as Mr. Carnegie, I do not intend to let worthy demands on my charity go unheeded. I shall go into business—precisely what it will be I have not determined—but I shall keep out of Wall street."

Something New in Tools.

A cricket club of Englishmen in Valparaiso, Chili, sent to England for a large consignment of bats and a few stumps. On arrival they were liable to a duty of 30 per cent., but it occurred to the captain, who had had a good deal of experience in custom house business, that it would be a good move to enter the goods as agricultural implements, which were allowed to enter free of duty. This was done and it was pointed out to the custom house official who examined the goods that with the end of the stump and the aid of the flat of the bat a hole was made in the ground in which seed was placed. This explanation was considered satisfactory.

Parisians Dote on Snails.

Eight hundred tons of snails were consumed by Parisians last year. The animals are bred in Burgundy and Savoy, where they are kept in inclosures formed of tarred palings, which they cannot climb over, and are fed upon vine leaves, which give them a delicate flavor.

The Be Would Like to See—

Impostors exposed.

Bogus editors take a back seat.

False publication as to circulation cease.

Men who claim to be great editors remain at their homes and edit their papers.

Less Exodus in this city of bogus editors.

Booker T. Washington keep his hat on when he is talking with his equals.

Tell President Roosevelt how many southern delegates he can control.

Col. Jere Brown the next member of the Ohio legislature.

The Bee Would Like to know—

Why Booker Washington has been placed ahead of great negro politicians.

If Bob Terrell is to start a Roosevelt party in the District of Columbia.

Bob must make some kind of a showing to pay for his two thousand dollar job.

How much puff money is being paid certain negro editors.

If certain negro editors cant find decent men to write up.

Will money be an impetus to cause any face to appear in certain newspapers.

What has North Carolina to do with District of Columbia assessors.

If Director Meriam had retained a certain negro editor would he not be singing his praises.

KILLED THIRTY-ONE.

Many Startling Crimes Committed by Jane Toppan.

Administered Morphine and Atropine to Her Victims—Passion to Slay and Burn Developed in Childhood.

Not since the days of Lucretia Borgia and the other subtle poisoners of the middle ages has there been a known equal to Miss Jane Toppan, who has been locked up in the Taunton, Mass., insane asylum for poisoning Mrs. Mary D. Gibbs at Cataumet, Mass., last August. By her own confession the nurse has killed 31 sick people who were under her care during the past ten years. Some she murdered by giving morphine and atrophine, and others with poisons she cannot remember, and when not gratifying her passion by killing people she set fire in the houses where she was a guest, or was employed in a professional capacity.

When Judge Bixby, Miss Toppan's senior counsel, first visited her she told him her dreadful story without eliminating the revolting details, and named 31 people whom she had killed by administering poison. She seemed to gloat over her success in hiding from the physicians the true causes of death in these instances, and then she wanted to know of the lawyer how she could be insane when she knew she was doing wrong every time she killed any one.

Miss Toppan began her revelation to Judge Bixby by admitting at once that she had poisoned Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Gordon and Alden P. Davis, just as the three indictments against her charged. Doses of morphine and atropine were used, she said.

Then she told how Mrs. Davis had called upon her at Cambridge last June to collect a note. She said that she was seized with a paroxysm to kill, a recurrence of the oft-repeated influence. In this state she gave mor-

JANE TOPPAN.
(Massachusetts Nurse Who Poisoned 31 of Her Patients.)

phine to Mrs. Davis. The old woman partially recovered, but before she was well enough to leave for her home at Cataumet Miss Toppan was incited to try again, and this time death followed the injection of diluted morphine and atropine.

First she spoke of recent cases, those of whose deaths Judge Bixby had read in the newspapers. These were the deaths of Mrs. A. O. Brigham, daughter of Mrs. Toppan, the woman who had taken her from an insane asylum; Miss Florence N. Calkins, the housekeeper; Mrs. Edna H. Bannister, sister of Mrs. Brigham; Miss Myra Connors, of the Episcopal theological school at Cambridge, the woman who had given her employment at the institution hospital and who had giver her a summer's outing at the marine biological station at Wood's Hole, and Mrs. McNear, of Watertown, who had befriended Miss Toppan in many ways.

She went back over the preceding years and mentioned the names of the others whose lives had been put in her professional keeping by doctors, but which trust she had violated.

The lawyer said: "Miss Toppan, you must be insane."

"Insane?" she repeated. "How can I be insane? When I killed those people I knew that I was doing wrong. I was perfectly conscious that what I was doing was not right. I never, at any time, failed to realize what I was doing.

"Now, how can a person be insane who realizes what she is doing, and who is conscious of the fact that she is not doing right? Insanity is complete lack of any feeling of responsibility, isn't it?"

"Yes," said the lawyer, "that is so. But you have no remorse, have you?"

"No," declared the nurse. "I have absolutely no remorse. I have never felt sorry for what I have done. Even when I poisoned my dearest friends, as the Davises were, I did not feel any regret afterward. I do not feel any remorse now. I have thought it all over, and I cannot detect the slightest bit of sorrow over what I have done."

Upon successive visits of her counsel Miss Toppan added details to the narrative of crime. She supplied no additional names.

Wyoming's Vanishing Town.

In a short time the town of Carbon, Wyo., once a lively little city of nearly 2,000 population, will disappear from the map. Its days of prosperity are over. The Union Pacific railroad which owned the land and operated the coal mines there, the sole subsistence of the town, has declared the mines exhausted. The railroad tracks will be moved and Carbon will remain six miles from the main line of the road, a deserted village in a desolate country beside a lot of abandoned holes.

INDIAN CENTENARIAN.

Dionicio Chico, a Dieganо of Southern California, Has Reached the Age of 106.

Could the remnant bands of the Cahuilla, Serrano and Diegano Indians still lingering upon the foothills of the coast range tell the complete story of their ancestors' origin and experiences, it would far surpass in interest any modern romance. Some have attained a longevity so remarkable that they distinctly remember the times of the desperate tribal wars, of overwhelming floods and destructive earthquakes. Of such Dionicio Chico, belonging to the Dieganos, dwelling in

DIONICIO CHICO.
(Oldest Living Indian and His Friend, Capt. Chittenden.)

the most primitive human habitation in the valley is probably its oldest inhabitant.

Twenty-six years ago, says N. H. Chittenden, in the Los Angeles Herald, when I first rode into the old Mexican village of Aqua Mansa, about four miles from Colton, on the banks of the Santa Ana, he was nearly 80 years of age.

Possessing extraordinary strength in his younger days, and personal courage to match, he was the victor in many combats of war and with love rivals. In one of these furious encounters of more than 70 years ago his antagonist, also an Indian of great power, bit off one of Dionicio's thumbs.

For many years during the exclusive occupation of southern California by the herds and flocks of the mission fathers and of the Spanish grantees of extensive domains, Dionicio was the principal vaquero on the extensive ranch of Paso Trajilla. But the oldest American settlers of 50 years ago remember him as then too far advanced in years for such service, and when compelled to retire therefrom he built of poles, reeds and mud the rude little hut in which he has lived ever since. Once or twice a week, carrying his ration sack, he visits his white friends in Colton, who furnish him with provisions. For nearly ten years a kind-hearted Portuguese woman, Maria Cunlia, has fed him at her home whenever he comes to town.

THE STUBBORN DRAWER.

One Little Thing That It Is Always Advisable to Do Before Going for the Old Ax.

"It seemed to me," said Mr. Billtops to a New York Sun reporter, "that I had never known a drawer to stick so in all my experience. I got hold of both handles squarely and fairly, braced my knee against the next drawer under that and pulled as hard as I could and couldn't budge it.

"Then I tried to work it out, pulling at one end and then at the other. I could start either end a little, but that's all; I'd get about half an inch on it and that's all I could get. Then I tried pounding on it the way you do on car windows when they stick, but it was no use; couldn't move it. After that I tried the straight pull on it again, and almost upset the bureau this time. I did joggle some things off the top of it and then I was meditating on going for the axe when Mrs. Billtops passing the door, looked in.

"'Is the drawer locked, Ezra?' she said."

"And by Jiminy hoe-cakes, the drawer was locked. The key was in the lock, and somebody had some time or other turned it, and it had never occurred to me to try it now. In fact, I never thought anything about the key or the lock at all, one way or the other; but when I turned that key the drawer opened just as easy. And I made up my mind that hereafter the first thing I should do when I came across a bureau drawer that stuck would be to see if it wasn't locked."

Calf Ate Up His Savings.

A leather wallet, containing $150, which Farmer Densmore, of Vestch, N. Y., was about to pay on a mortgage, was accidentally dropped in his barn lot. He had reason to believe that one of his calves made a meal of the wallet and its contents, and he killed and opened the animal. In its stomach he found the wallet and the money, the latter almost a mass of pulp. The fragments of $110 were in a condition to be recognized, and were sent to the United States treasury for redemption.

Flagman Had a Surprise.

A negro flagman named George Lee was sent to flag a train some miles south of Jackson, Miss. He sat down to wait for the train, with his feet on the rails, and fell asleep. When he awoke he was much surprised to find that both of his feet had been cut off.

CASE OF BLIND LOVE.

The Courtship of Jesse Gardner and Charlotte Lovejoy.

Both Are Blind, Neither Ever Saw the Other, Yet Their Lives Are United by the Strongest Ties of Affection.

"Blind Love" is the story of the life romance of Jesse Lewis Gardner and his wife. Both are blind. Neither ever saw the other, and yet they are as happy and contented as if they were blessed with double vision.

Jesse Gardner and Charlotte Lovejoy were introduced to each other by a skeleton in the museum of the Illinois School for the Blind at Jacksonville. Then their romance began.

Charlotte had been blind since she was a baby three years old. She lived then with her parents at Staunton, in Madison county, Ill. One day she stood by and with baby eyes filled with wonder watched her father clean and polish an old-fashioned muzzle-loading shotgun. When the work was done he put a percussion cap under the gun hammer. Suddenly the weapon slipped from his hand, struck a stool beside which baby Charlotte was standing, and was discharged. The flame blazed into the eyes of the baby, and Charlotte Lovejoy was blinded for life. Oculists could do nothing for her, and as she grew older she faced the realities of life with sweet resignation. Her pathway was even then running parallel to that of Jesse Gardner, although neither of them knew it then.

Jesse Gardner has seen more of the world than his blind wife, for he did not lose his eyesight until he was 14 years old. He was a farmer's lad, living in Union county, Ill. Like all boys he loved a gun, and frequently hunted for wild duck with an old-fashioned muzzle-loading shotgun—similar to the one which had destroyed the sight of Charlotte Lovejoy.

One day while the 14-year-old boy was hunting alone he tried the gun

THEIR FIRST MEETING.

and it was discharged prematurely and the flash from the percussion cap left him sightless.

Fate kept Jesse Gardner and Charlotte Lovejoy apart till the days came when they were old enough to attend the school department of the state institution for the blind at Jacksonville. Jesse was in the high school and Charlotte in the primary department.

One day a timid little girl with brown hair in long braids came hesitatingly into the high school hall, where the big boys were studying their lessons in geometry and physics. She had come to "see," as the blind only can see, the human skeleton kept under lock and key in the hall. The teacher in charge said to one of the boys:

"Lew, show Charlotte the skeleton."

"Lew"—for that was the name that Jesse Gardner went by at school—went to the closet and took out the skeleton. He let the little girl handle it in wonder and told her of the different bones. Then, in boyish spite, he rattled it grewsomely. Charlotte was frightened and ran in terror to the other end of the hall. She declared she would never forgive the big, strange boy who had so frightened her. But she did.

Jesse Gardner and Charlotte Lovejoy were schoolmates from 1889 to 1891. During those two years they spoke but seldom. Yet when Jesse graduated in 1891 he left school with regret at losing the girl he had already learned to know as a friend. He came to Chicago and made his way, while she remained for nine years at school at Jacksonville.

In 1900 Charlotte Lovejoy graduated. She had grown into sweet young womanhood. Her school days over, she moved to St. Louis with her parents and last June it so happened that Jesse Gardner and Charlotte Lovejoy met again this time at her home. It was not a case of "love at first sight," but Jesse knew that he loved Charlotte, and with that knowledge came the story of her betrothal to another man.

But Charlotte had not known her heart when the first suitor had asked for her hand. The memory of her school friend was too strong and there came a day when Jesse Gardner knew that his blind sweetheart was free and that her heart waited for him. Their betrothal followed, and the wedding took place May 25. They live at 2005 Eugenia street in St. Louis, happy and content to face the future they can neither see.

Miss Florrie Williams is at Lincoln, Va.

Mrs. Freeman and children are at New Bedford.

Mrs. Parker, of 4th street, northwest spent the 4th at Bay Ridge.

Miss Anna Smith will continue her studies this summer in Boston.

The Misses Cusherd have gone to their country home in Virginia.

Miss Ella Trueman is quietly domiciled in the Mountains of Maryland.

Mrs. Walker, the artist, and her niece will summer at White Sulphur Springs.

Misses Janie Freeman and Erma Richardson are visiting relatives at Gayhead.

Misses Hattie Sprague and Oceola Brooks left the city today for Rochester, N. Y.

Misses Gertie Smith, Maud Smith and Annie Gray are summering at Staten Island.

It is rumored that Mr. W. M. Wilson will soon lead to the altar a promising Pittsburg lady.

Miss Julia Syphax and Corine Brodie left this week for Middleburg, Va., where they will spend the heated term.

Miss Bessie Spence, a teacher in the Public Schools of West Chester, Pa., is in the city the guest of Mrs. C, H. Wilson.

Miss Mattie Bruce, of 5th street, embarked the steamer today at New York, for the Bermuda Islands where she will be the guest of her sister.

Miss Myers, a charming young colored marm, of Columbia, S. C., is visiting Dr. Wilder on Capitol Hill. Miss Myers will be here two weeks more.

Dr. Baker, of Baltimore was the company of Dr. Fry, Georgetown, D. C., Sunday. They attended the morning service at the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church,

Many Baltimorians attended the wedding of Miss Shimm on Wednesday night; besides those who assisted at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Cummings. the Misses Cummings, Mrs. Blanche C. Cummings, Miss Washingson and others.

Last Wednesday evening the main auditorum of the 15th Street Presbyterian Church was crowded to its utmost capacity to witness the marriage of Miss Grace E. Shimm to Rev. Chas. Cummings, of Baltimore. The altar was fairly banked with palms, fern, and other plants—before which stood Rev. Grimke awaiting the arrival of the wedding procession. To his left was Presiding Elder Rev. D. W. Harris, of Baltimore who assisted him. The groom, Rev. Cummings; and the best man, Mr. A. M. Cummings, who is the groom's brother. Down the aisle moved the wedding train, preceded by the ushers who were Messrs. W. A. Jones, of Baltimore. J. A. Love, Chas Wilson, and Dr. Wheatley, of Baltimore. Following were the Misses Carrie and Minnie Price who were maids of honor. They were attired in white organdies over silk with arm bouquets of white roses. Next came Miss Erminie the brides sister who wore a lace trimmed organdy over silk with an arm bouquet of white roses. Resting gracefully on the arm of the stately Mr. C. R. Douglass. and clad in robes of snowy whiteness followed the bride Miss Grace. She wore white silk with her veil held in place by orange blossoms. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the residence of the brides where a large reception was held. They left on the midnight train for Baltimore where a large reception was given them by the grooms parents Thurday evening. After July 23, they will be at home to their friends, 614 S. Washington street, Alexandria, Va.

Estate for Orphans' Benefit.

The will of Dr. George W. Ramsay, who died in Washington, Pa., a few days ago, is one of the most remarkable documents of the kind ever placed on record. A valuable landed estate is held in trust for his grandniece. At her death the estate reverts to the corporation of Washington county, Pa., to be held in trust in perpetuity for all indigent orphans under 14 years of age who are descended from the father of the testator. After 200 years all orphans born in the county of the age named are to become beneficiaries under this provision, the same as literal descendants. The estate will undoubtedly be very valuable in 2102.

The Price of a Car Seat.

A resourceful humorist got a seat in a New York street car by telling the other passengers that he had smallpox. But he was quarantined for awhile and later was required to give bond to abstain from disorderly conduct in the future.

REAL LIFE ROMANCE.

South Carolina Girl Kills a Suitor to Wed Another.

Strange Case of Lou Parris in the Southern Mountains—Loved a Young Moonshiner and Was True to Him.

The Spartanburg (S. C.) correspondent of the Chicago American declares this to be the true story of a young woman who, after killing a man for circulating injurious reports about her and betraying his rival, was sentenced to 15 years in prison. She was finally pardoned and wedded to the man of her choice. The young woman was Miss Lou Parris, of Tryon City, S. C. Now she is Mrs. Ralph Redmond.

The romance of Mr. and Mrs. Redmond has few parallels. They knew each other as little children and together attended the same log cabin school at Tryon City, S. C. The girl grew up a beauty, and with her growth the childhood friendship ripened into a warmer feeling. With the problem of livelihood before him young Redmond determined to be a moonshiner, an avocation favored by the more adventurous spirits of his neighborhood.

Soon he discovered that he was not alone in his admiration of the beautiful girl who had been the companion of his childhood. William Johnson presented himself as a rival claimant for her hand, and when, true to her only romance, Miss Parris rejected him he determined to destroy the happiness of his more favored rival.

Through information which Johnson supplied young Redmond was beguiled into the hands of revenue agents. Rescued by his relatives before the case against him came to trial, the sweetheart was obliged to remain more or less in hiding and to woo his lady love by stealth.

Johnson, however, continued his addresses after Redmond became a fugitive and when he thought sufficient time had elapsed since the young man's disappearance proposed to Miss Parris a second time.

Again rejected, he circulated reports against the young woman's character till, maddened by his persecution, she called him one evening to her home, and after accusing him, stabbed him to death.

At the trial Miss Parris' beauty and the eloquent defense she made of her rash act produced such an effect upon the prosecuting officers that she was allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary of South Carolina.

The rescue band of the King's Daughters became interested in the young woman soon after her incarceration, and through their good offices Ralph Redmond was taken to Raleigh and permitted to interview his sweetheart under an assumed name.

These visits were a source of much comfort to the imprisoned girl and her new-found friends also gladdened her by cheering promises of a possible pardon.

The King's Daughters did in fact present an urgent petition to the governor for a pardon, which he finally granted upon the condition that Miss Parris should upon her release enter the House of the Good Shepherd in Baltimore and undergo a course of instruction and training.

As a result she was conditionally pardoned on December 8, 1896, and immediately took up her residence in the reformatory.

Following her to Baltimore, young Redmond secured employment with a street railway company. Gradually working his way up, he reached a position where he was trusted and advanced by his employers. Through the influence of his relatives his difficulties resulting from his early moonshining escapades were smoothed over, with the result that immediately upon Miss Parris' release from the reformatory the young couple were married.

The wedding in Spartanburg was attended by hosts of friends who had known them before the stormy period of their lives began.

Young Redmond has bought and furnished a pretty suburban home near Baltimore, and at the conclusion of their wedding journey the young couple will reside in that city.

Canine Tobacco Chewer.

A dog that chews tobacco is owned by George Hilbert, of Bayonne, N. J. For six months this has been the animal's habit. Whenever its master takes a chew, he gives some of his tobacco to the dog, and thus they enjoy themselves.

SCIENCE GLEANINGS.

All moths produce some form of silk.

No less than 1,132 different species of seaweeds are found on Australian coasts.

The atmosphere, if compressed, would make a sea 35 feet deep around the globe.

A French naturalist, Rapael Dubois, asserts that all large pearls are nothing but sarcophagi, in the center of which rest the dead bodies of small marine worms.

POLLY COMMANDED.

And the Visiting Lady, Startled by Bird's Strange Voice, Obeyed Only Too Literally.

The Ohio State Journal circulates a good story wherein figure two well-known Columbus ladies and a parrot. Mrs. A. paid a special call at the home of Mrs. B. the other day and was ushered into the living-room by the maid of all work to await the appearance of Mrs. B.

Mrs. B. had come into possession of a parrot only a short time before, and had been keeping the bird in the living-room. Polly has a very good command of English, and appears to know

MRS. A. OBEYED.

when to use it. Mrs. A. sat down with her back to the bird without noticing it, and as Poliy made no sound she remained in ignorance of its presence.

Observing a beautiful vase on the mantel, Mrs. A. arose from her seat and, crossing the floor, took down the dainty piece of bric-a-brac to examine it. She gazed on it rapturously, completely absorbed by its elegant decorations, when suddenly from just behind her came the shrill and stern command:

"Drop it! Drop it!"

Mrs. A. obeyed, and turned with a scream to face the imperturbable gaze of Polly, who sat in her cage with her green head slyly perked to one side. On the floor lay the beautiful vase, smashed to bits. At this most embarrassing moment Mrs. B. entered the room. Before Mrs. A. could explain the situation, Polly shook out her feathers and remarked:

"You're it! You're it! You're it!"

MANIA FOR RIBBONS.

Wealthy Parisian Could Not Prevent Himself from Adding to His Strange Collection.

A curious mania has been discovered through the arrest of a wealthy old Frenchman. While a crowd was watching some cinematograph views of the Transvaal war at Paris a woman suddenly screamed: "Stop thief!" She had caught a man in the act of cutting the ribbons to which her reticule was attached. The man, in spite of his correct dress and denial, was arrested and taken to the commissaire de police. There he denied that he had tried to steal the reticule, and proved that he was wealthy. He could not, however, deny cutting the rib-

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

bons. Much mystified, the police decided to search his house, which resulted in their finding quantities of ribbons, bunches and bows of every kind, color and description, which had evidently been cut off of women's gowns. Many were exceedingly faded. Before this evidence the man declared he could not prevent himself from stealing ribbons, and that as he could not resist the mania he never went out without a pair of scissors to snip off the ribbons he coveted. The police were puzzled as to what to do with such an odd criminal, but finally allowed the man to go after paying for the damaged reticule.

Paid to Do Their Worst.

It is customary, at the continuous performance theaters, for the managers to send on the stage, toward the close of the afternoon, some of the most wretched actors. These are called "chasers," and they are instructed to do their best—which is their worst—to weary the patrons, and chase them out of the house, to make room for the night audience.

Coffee Leaf Cigarettes.

Parisians smoke cigarettes made of the leaves of the coffee plant. Those who have tried them prefer them to tobacco cigarettes.

BOKHARA AND KHIVA.

Two Semi-Independent Asiatic States Whose Rulers Talk of Visiting Europe's Capitals.

The eastern section of Turkestan between the Aral sea and the Chinese frontier is divided politically between the Russian territory and the still semi-independent Khanates of Bokhara and Khiva. Though nominally self-governing they are both, however, under the suzerainty of Russia. The state of Bokhara was founded by the Usbegs in the fifteenth century. The present ruler belongs to the dynasty of Manguts, and dates from the end of the eighteenth century. In 1886 the late Ameer Mir Muzaffared-din proclaimed a holy war against the Russians, who thereupon invaded his dominions, forced him to cede certain territory and pay an indemnity, while in 1873 a further treaty was signed, in which the state was made practically a Russian dependency. The population of Bokhara dwindled considerably up to 1880, but the Trans-Caspian railway has done much for the state lately, though it suffers considerably from loss of water from the Upper Zarafshan, the Russians drawing it off in ever increasing quantities for their irrigation works at Samarkand. The reigning sovereign is the Ameer Sayid Abdul Ahad, fourth son of the late ameer by a slave girl. He was born about 1860, was educated in Russia, and succeeded in 1885. The heir is his son Seyid Mir Alim Khan, born January 3, 1880. The ameer has about 20,000 troops largely Russian drilled. The khan of Khiva, Seyd Mahomed Rahim Khan, came to the throne in 1865. Khiva founded, like Bokhara, on the ruins of Tamerlane's Central Asian empire, has long been under Russian control. It is less than a quarter the size of the other state, and supports an army of some 2,000 men.

BUTCHERY IN SAMAR.

Gen. Jacob H. Smith Is Reported to Be Responsible for Wholesale Killing of Filipinos.

Gen. Jacob H. Smith, who has been charged by Maj. Waller with ordering the extermination of all natives in Samar over the age of ten years, for which he is to be court-martialed, entered the Second Kentucky infantry in 1861 and was made a captain in that regiment in 1862. He was mustered out in 1863, and became a captain of the veteran re-

GEN. JACOB H. SMITH.
(He Ordered Killing of All Natives of Samar Over Ten Years of Age.)

serve corps, being mustered out from that organization in 1865. He was commissioned a captain in the Thirteenth infantry in 1867. He was promoted to major the same year and made judge advocate. In 1894 he was appointed major in the Second infantry. His promotion to the rank of lieutenant colonel was made in 1898, when he was assigned to the Twelfth infantry. He became colonel of the Twelfth infantry in October, 1899, and since then has been on duty in the Philippines. He was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers in 1900, and on reorganization of the army he was promoted to a brigadier generalship in that service.

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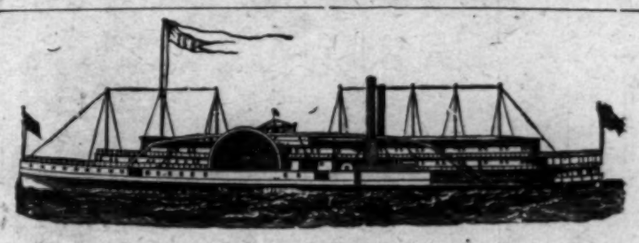

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Chances Are Always In Favor of the Beast When Encountered by Accident by a Hunter—A Case in Point.

A sportsman now traveling in South Africa with a few choice companions describes some of his adventures in the Era. One day, he says, Van Aardt, one of his chums, suggested a little lion stalking. Now, I knew lions as well as he; deliberate hunting for a lion who mourns a murdered mate was a proceeding so temerarious that the most foolhardy of professional hunters would not dare the conflict. But in the near neighborhood of the spot where Mme. Lioness had been killed there was one lion, with an earthquake voice, whose rumblings fascinated the fiery spirit of Van Aardt:

"I am going," he said.

I could not let him go alone, for we had fought too often side by side. We started off, my reckless comrade laying out, in calmest confidence, the artless plan he had of walking up to that tumultuous hell of wrath incarnate, and of blowing a few lothal holes in it with his Mauser. As we came nearer the roars ceased. The lion, weary with his imprecations of the night, had gone away from the scene of his bereavement for rest and sleep. But we found, in the jungle's depths, the footway he had trod; in a sentry path of 20 feet, he had stalked back and forth for 12 long hours, calling aloud for vengeance.

Kristmansen, who looked upon Van Aardt as a hot-headed madman for the time, decided he would use the morning for a peaceful springbok hunt, and took his Kaffir boy along. He went in the direction opposite to ours. After half an hour's close tracking, the Kaffir, who had been in advance, appeared at his elbow with an impish suddenness and a whispered word:

"Baas, a lion!"

Kristmansen stared ahead of him. There, in a tiny clearing not 30 yards

HIS MANE QUIVERING.

away, the monarch stood, his mane quivering with the intensity of his attention and his brilliant eyeballs gleaming in the effort to penetrate the single veil of cover that hid the hunter from his views. The Kaffir had a faith in his master that was sublime.

"Shoot, Baas, shoot!"

Kristmansen knew that death stood waiting for him in the clearing beyond. The chances were all against a fatal first shot. The wounded lion would tear him into shreds of mangled flesh before he could have time to fly. Step by step, his very breath pent up, he made the slow retreat. The kaffir, fancying all his master need do was fire a single shot, accompanied him with an expression of disdain. For ten good minutes Kristmansen paced backward; and then came swiftly to the camp again upon the chance of making up a party whose numbers would mean safety in a concerted attack. But the majority of us were away, and that lion, with all the others among the spouses of Farie's lioness, went unmolested from that day forth.

I was in Pretoria a little later and saw a sight that told me how wise Kristmansen had been. The oldest lion hunter of the Transvaal shook me by the hand—and used his left hand for the greeting. The other arm hung, withered and helpless, at his side. Only half his face was there to speak to me. The other half went into a lion's maw a few months earlier. He was hunting springbok with his son, and carried an ancient muzzle-loader. A dead shot the old man descried a buck not 50 feet away, and, kneeling, fired. The crack of the rifle was answered by the snarling roar of a wounded lion. The bullet, passing through the buck, had struck the mighty beast as he was about to spring. And it had no more than wounded him. He leaped for the smoke, coming on in flying bounds, while my old friend fumbled wildly with his powder horn. He was too slow. The bullet had not dropped into the barrel before the lion was upon him. One crunch of his tremendous jaws, and an arm was stripped to the bone. Another and the side of the face had vanished. The cavernous throat above the prostrate man roared once more, before the teeth should clash together, when the son, running up, put his rifle barrel to the lion's side and drove a half-ounce bullet through his heart.

The chances are in favor of the lion when accident brings him and man together.

THE PRISONERS YELLED.

They Had Heard the Story of the Prodigal Son So Often That It Got to Be Amusing.

Two or three years ago the chaplain at the Elmira reformatory went to Europe on a vacation of three months. Before he left he arranged that his place on Sundays should be filled by Elmira clergymen who were to address the inmates of the institution by turns.

The first clergyman, in thinking of a topic, naturally decided to talk on the prodigal son, and he told the story to the young men with much detail,

"BACK UP AND CHANGE CARS."

and then drew a lesson from the parable.

The next Sunday another minister came. He, too, decided that the prodigal son episode offered the best opportunity for a discourse, and he used the story as a basis of his talk. So did the other ten preachers, and for 12 successive Sundays the inmates of the reformatory heard with patient fortitude of the young man who left home, who ate husks with the swine, and returned to the paternal roof and caused the slaughter of the fatted calf.

Then the chaplain returned home. He had little time to prepare a sermon, so he fell back on the prodigal son, a theme with which he was familiar, and which was always appropriate. He did not know that his listeners had been treated to a dozen dissertations on the subject, but the roar of laughter that greeted him when he announced his text told him that something was wrong. He appealed to one of the prisoners for an explanation, and was told:

"Back up an' change cars, boss. We've had dat story 12 times while you've been gone. Tell us about Jonah and the whale, or give us a spiel on Daniel in the den of lions."

SO SWEETLY INNOCENT.

Papa Didn't Know How Many Sons He Had Until the Lady Principal Told Him.

He had been to the boarding school to pay a surprise visit to his daughter, his only child. He had parted from her, proud to be the parent of such a handsome maiden, pleased with the innocence of budding womanhood. The principal accompanied him to the door.

"Madam," he said, with deep feeling, "I owe you much for the manner in which you have reared my child since she has been under your care. When I notice the contrast between that innocent maiden and some of the girls of her age, who

"LARGE—DEVOTED!"

have not had the advantage of such strict supervision, I feel that I have indeed done wisely in placing her in your charge."

"And how proud you must be," said the principal, glowing with satisfaction, "to be the father of so large and devoted a family!"

"Large—devoted!" gasped the proud parent. "What do you mean?"

"Devoted to each other," said the principal. "No fewer than seven of Clara's brothers have been here during the past three weeks to take her out, and she is expecting another to-morrow."

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Treasures of the Aztecs.

Explorers in the neighborhood of Chama, Guatemala, have discovered treasures during their excavations in search of mines. Coins and jewels, decorating corpses buried centuries ago by the Aztecs and Montezumas, have been found. So far the valuables have amounted to over $50,000. Workmen on the Chama plantations are wild, and have abandoned their usual work to hunt for buried treasures.

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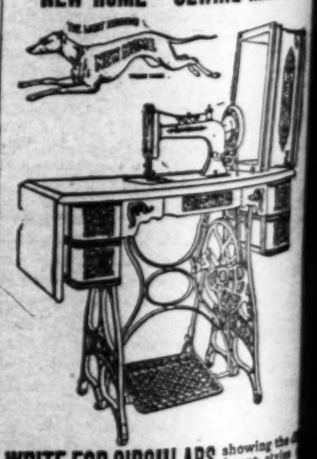

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I shall in this column endeavor to answer all correspondence that may be sent and urgently request young ladies to read this column, and any questions that they wished answered please send them in before Saturday of each week.

By MISS MAY CLEMATIS.

G. M. Why should some people imagine that their beauty is all that is needed? Beauty is only skin deep and will soon fade.

Nesse. Be wise as well as discreet. Wisdom will soon develop itself as well as discretion.

R. I. T. It is the industrious girl that is not afraid of work. The only girl that will not work is the lazy one. Honest girls will work always.

D. I. You were informed last week of what was best to read during summer months. Good literature will improve your mind.

Daisy. It is the woman with a stable mind that wins admiration and respect.

N. T. True nobility in a woman is often taken for false pride.

S. T. Think well and act wisely and you will never go astray.

R. O. You may not act always to please some people but honesty is bound to win admiration.

Ione. It is not wise to talk too freely to any one. You should be discreet in all things.

J. T. Be satisfied with what you have, you may loose all some day. Friends can stand some things some times, but not every thing all the time. Some people never see their mistake until it is too late.

Isabella. Never impose upon your friends because you will loose in the end. True friends will not impose upon each other.

Don't talk about your companions because others do.

Never show anxiety for an escort.

Don't go where you are not wanted, neither should you associate with your inferiors.

Think well and act accordingly.

Be true to your friends and never deceive any one.

Fresh girls are soon divorced.

Why should you displease your neighbor.

It is the noble girl who will not deceive.

Mable. True friendship is stronger than false love.

E. You should never put your momentary friends ahead of your true and devoted friends.

H. Be careful and watch those who pretend friendship.

Ollie. We kiss those whom we love and shake hands with our friends.

Sella. Don't allow sudden elevation change your disposition, neither should you allow false smiles influence you in the least.

Norah. It is the true hearted girl who speaks well of you and hides your faults.

False friends will flatter you and extend to you false wishes.

Nellie. Don't immagine that you are pretty because others tell you so.

Ida. Red hose denotes vulgarity and no lady of refined taste will wear them.

Ida. Flashy dressing will be seen on flashy girls. Dress with taste and in goods that are becoming.

D. M. There are birds that fly high and there is a time that they must come to the ground for succor.

O. T. Company is good sometimes but after it is all over count your loses and profits.

Delia. Don't go in anything unless you are benefitted.

N. T. If your condition is to be benefitted you had better marry. Don't marry for the name, the results are bad.

I. M. Divorces are numerous and marriages are frequent.

Nillie. Your friend, if what you say is true, can be trusted.

M. R. Your mother is your best friend and you should never desert her.

Nettie. Be truthful always and never be persuaded, by false friends.

L. T. It is always best to do what you think is best and never allow yourself to be influenced by others.

E. D. If you have an opinion of your own be sure to exercise it. It is best that you think for yourself.

Emma. Read good books while you are on your vacation.

Age Makes Brittle Bones.

The bones of aged people have more lime in them than those of the young, and therefore are more brittle. This is the reason why a fall is apt to be more hurtful to an elderly person than to a young person.

Better Than Insecticides.

Electric lights, with basins of petroleum below them, are now used in France to destroy night-flying insects that injure vineyards. In one basin 4,868 insects were recently caught in one night.

COMPULSORY HAIRCUT.

Natives of Volcano Islands Have an Eye to Business, So This Little Story Proves.

The explorers and scientists who have returned from Martinique and St. Vincent tell some good stories of their experiences. One is located in Kingstown, St. Vincent, and has to do with the village barber. One of the explorers was walking about the town when he was accosted by a colored man.

"You have got to have your hair cut," declared the negro.

"Got to have my hair cut? Why is that?" asked the American.

"Got to have it done. Order of the board of health. If you don't get your

"YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE IT CUT."

hair cut I will have to put you off the island." The negro seized the Washington student roughly by the shoulder and started him toward the wharf.

"Hold on there!" said the now excited visitor. "Who are you, anyway?"

"I am an officer of the board of health," was the reply, and again the heavy hand was laid on the American's shoulder and the way to the wharf continued. Just at this juncture another of the American party came up.

"I guess we shall have to have our hair cut," said the first. "This man is an officer of the board of health, and he says we must have our locks shorn or get off the island, and I do want to take some observations of Ia Soufriere—"

"Don't care what you want, but you'll have to get your hair cut, and get it cut quick, if you want to stay on the island," broke in the negro.

The other scientist still had a little fight in him.

"Why, you black scoundrel!" he shouted at the negro, "I have traveled all over the world, and I never heard of such a health office regulation anywhere."

"Got to get your hair cut," repeated the negro, boldly. Just at this stage of the argument a policeman appeared. The negro edged away, and was soon quite a distance down the street.

"Officer, do you know that man there?" asked one of the Americans.

"Yes," replied the policeman.

"Who is he?"

"He is the barber who has a shop around the corner."

REYNARD PLAYS DEAD.

Fox Tried to Outwit Farmer Martin, But Failed to Play Game to Successful End.

One morning recently Farmer Martin, of Burnwood, Pa., going into his chicken park, found a fox lying "dead" on the ground. The animal seemed to have just died, and Martin's first

SOME LIVELY CHASING.

impulse was to take him by the tail and throw him over the fence. He concluded, however, to take it to the house, show it to the family, and then skin it. His wife laid it in her lap for awhile and remarked that the body was still warm and the children patted it and pitied it for some time.

Suddenly some one opened a window and like a flash the fox leaped from Mrs. Martin's lap and bounded for the window. He fell about an inch short and the window was closed. After some lively chasing about the house Reynard was caught, and in a few days became quite docile.

Can't Down a Good Man.

A dignified gentleman in Liverpool, Rev. Mr. Radley, while at a religious meeting, met with a slight accident. As he was about to sit down, he missed his chair, and fell with a thud on the platform. When at last it came to his turn to speak, the chairman introduced him in these words: "The Rev. Mr. Radley will again take the floor!"

FATE PURSUES HIM.

Six Times William J. Rohr Has Been Almost Dead.

Five Times He Was the Victim of Accidents, the Sixth Time He Tried to Cross the River Styx by Himself.

Probably no man ever lived who has not at one time or another asked himself the question: "How does it feel to die?"

In Minneapolis, says the Chicago Tribune, there lives a man who not only has asked the question, but is able to answer it as well. He has in reality died six times, yet is alive and in the best of health to-day. This man, whose experiences baffle comparison, is William J. Rohr. Since he was a boy going to school he has traveled six different routes attempting to cross the River Styx, but each time, as he expresses it: "St. Peter turned away and announced a false alarm." Rohr is confident that the slender thread that holds his life possesses marvelous strength, for he has passed through the following ordeals each of which brought him near death:

Fell througa hole in the ice while skating on a mill pond; unconscious when taken from the water.

Fell into a river while protecting a bridge against an ice floe; unconscious when taken from the water.

Smothered in an airtight trunk while hiding in a game of "hide and seek;" unconscious when found.

Fell over a precipice in St. Paul to the ground below, a distance of 105 feet; unconscious when picked up.

Stricken with consumption and given up to die, but refused to allow physicians to have their way.

Attempted suicide by shooting himself twice in the breast with a revolver; unconscious when picked up, but not dead.

What is rather unusual in Mr. Rohr is that he has experienced the novelty of writing about his own death sensations. "When I slid under the ice of the mill pond this was the be-

ROHR SHOOTS HIMSELF.

ginning of a series of accidents that have followed me to this day," he says. "As my slide carried me to the edge of the thin ice and into the water thoughts began to flash through my brain.

"What would mother and father say when my lifeless body had been recovered?—if ever?

"With the shouts of my playmates ringing in my ears, I passed through and made a supreme effort to drink all the water under the ice.

"The passage of such large quantities of water through my nostrils gave me a strangling, suffocating sensation, which in turn gave way to one that seemed to be a desire to fly—to wave the arms—and then a bump, and it faintly dawned on my drowning mind that it was the ice which covered the pond.

"The last sensation was as if floating away on the crest of fleecy clouds as they swept through the sky on a summer's day, then unconsciousness.

"When I came to there was a disagreeable sensation of some one trying to use my arms for pump handles. A pressing down on the chest, and at last a voice crying: 'He lives.'"

The sixth time came near being the charm, for Rohr shot himself. He aimed for his heart, but here again fate pursued him and would not let him die, even when he was ready. Describing this attempt at suicide Rohr says:

"Advancing before a mirror so as to better see what I was doing, I grasped the handle and pressed the muzzle to my breast and pulled the trigger.

"A flash, a report, and I felt something like a sudden prick of a pin in my side. Well, what was the trouble?

"I guessed that the muzzle had deflected in the effort required to pull the trigger.

"There was a numbness coming over me, and I realized that if I was to end it all I must forthwith insert another bullet nearer in.

"Frantic with rage and frenzied at the unsuccessful first effort, I again pressed the weapon to a place where I thought the heart must be, and as the realization came over me that this was to be the end of all my sleeplessness and the heat, I seemed to gloat over the fact that they could be cheated so easily.

"When consciousness returned, for, strange to relate, I had not succeeded in my design, I found the room filled with strangers and a physician kneeling by my side as I lay on the floor."

DEATH BY GARROTE.

How Four Criminals Were Executed Recently at Ponce, Island of Porto Rico.

Four men were garroted at Ponce, Porto Rico, recently, for one of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in Porto Rico, the murder of Antonio Delgado de Pino, at Guayo, near Adjuntas, and the robbery and ill treatment of his family and servants, on the night of September 30, 1898.

The scaffold was erected during the night in the court yard of the prison, a few feet from the cells in which the four men—Bernabe, Acevedo, Jose Torres, Ramon Troche Cadeno and Juan Torres—were confined.

Priests were with each of the condemned men until the end, leading

DEATH BY GAROTTE.
(How Criminals Are Executed in the Island of Porto Rico.)

them to the scaffold. When the instrument had been adjusted to their necks, all of the prisoners, who had previously denied their crimes, made confessions.

Jose Torres, who had become a fanatical spiritualist, violently resisted attempts to adjust the garrote, and insisted that he should die with his face uncovered. It was 15 minutes before he was subdued.

They were all put to death within 50 minutes, and the average time taken to kill each man was two minutes. None, it is thought, suffered pain, as death was practically instantaneous, though violent twitchings of the limbs continued for a minute or two afterward.

Evidence at the trial of the men showed that a band of about 25 went to the house of Delgado and called upon him to open the door in the name of the American police and municipal judge. When Delgado opened the door the outlaws rushed into the house and seized Delgado and about six others.

The men were tied to the stairs leading to the roof. The women were locked up in a room, while two of the bandits took Delgado into a shed adjoining the house, and, after tying him hand and foot, hung him up by the feet.

They then beat him and cut off his ears, afterward putting a rope around his neck and hanging him to one of the beams. He died in the morning of October 1, of strangulation.

In the meantime the other bandits were ransacking the house. After several attacks upon the women, the band departed with their stolen goods.

DR. WOODROW WILSON.

Well-Known Jurist and Historian Who Has Just Been Chosen President of Princeton.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, who has just been chosen president of Princeton university, in the place of Dr. Francis L. Patton, is a well-known jurist, historian and man of letters, and at present professor of jurisprudence and politics in Princeton. He was born at Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856. His

DR. WOODROW WILSON.
(Just Chosen President of Princeton University.)

father, Joseph R. Wilson, was a prominent divine of the Southern Presbyterian church, and was himself a native of Ohio. Woodrow Wilson studied in the primary schools of Atlanta, Ga., and was later a student in Princeton, from which he was graduated in 1879. He next entered the law department of the University of Virginia, and subsequently began practice, but abandoned it to take up general study in Johns Hopkins. There he began his work in history and politics, and in 1885 took a position as instructor in these branches in Bryn Mawr. Johns Hopkins gave him Ph. D. in 1886. In 1888 he became a member of the faculty of Wesleyan university, of Middletown, Conn., and 12 years ago was called to the chair of jurisprudence at Princeton. Dr. Wilson has published "The State Elements of Historical and Practical Politics," "An Old Master and Other Political Essays," "Mere Literature," and "George Washington," a historical and biographical study of the first American president. The new head of Princeton is a fine scholar and eminently qualified for the position he is about to assume.

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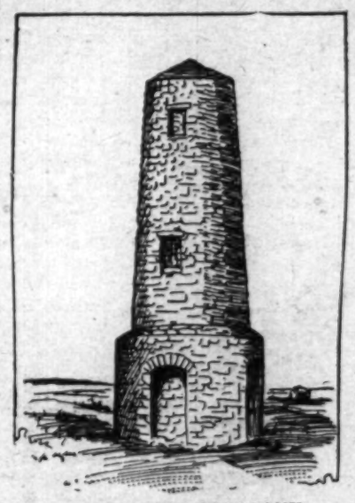
A memorial shaft is being erected on Gosnold's island, in Cuttyhunk Pond, Mass., where Bartholomew Gosnold and his companions in 1602 planted the first European colony in America. The corner stone was laid on May 24, the three hundredth anniversary of Gosnold's landing.

Gosnold first stepped ashore on Cuttyhunk island, but it was on a small islet (now known as Gosnold's island) in a fresh water pond at the west end of the island, where he built a fort and storehouse, and traded with the Indians. This storehouse is supposed to



FIRST EUROPEAN COLONY.
(Spot Where It was Located to Be Marked by Memorial Shaft.)

have been the first habitation built on the coast by Europeans.

Gosnold was accompanied by 32 men, eight of whom were mariners. Among the others a clergyman, Gabriel Archer, a journalist, and James Rosier, who wrote an account of the voyage and presented it to Sir Walter Raleigh. Gosnold discovered the islands known as the Elizabeth islands and named them in honor of the queen of England.

Plans for the memorial are in charge of a committee headed by ex-Congressman Randall, of Massachusetts. It is to be a plain shaft, 60 feet high, so high above the surrounding objects at the wedge-like point of land between Buzzard's bay and Vineyard sound as to be an inevitable landmark for every vessel passing through those waterways. The shaft will cost approximately $3,000.

The first section of the shaft will have a diameter of 18 feet, tapering to 12 feet. The interior chamber will be nine feet in diameter at the base. While the tower is actually hollow, it is practically solid and impervious from the outside.

At the height of 12½ feet from the base will be false windows on all four sides. The wall rises 16 feet 2 inches farther before the second windows are reached. The main arches of the base are to be ten feet high and five feet wide. These will be recessed about six or eight inches and backed by flat-faced rough stone. Inside one of them will be the corner stone, containing lead plates telling the story of Gosnold and the erection of the memorial shaft. The whole aim has been to raise a monument which shall be as nearly imperishable as possible.

After its completion and dedication the memorial will be turned over to the Massachusetts Historical society.

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City Items.

Mr. B. F. Morrison, an attache of the Bureau of education, is stricken at his residence with Malaria.

Miss Lola Johnson, Washington's peerless vocal warbler, will leave for points West the latter part of the month.

Messrs. Charles Williams and Jack Kealing of the "Mid Night Council" G. P. O., have been transfered to the day "Chapter." The change has their heart felt approval.

Mrs. J. H. N. Waring, the wife of Dr. J. H. N. Waring is back from Duluth, Wisconsin. Mrs. Waring returns greatly improved.

Mr. Wiley Montgomery, son of superintendent W. S. Montgomery, has just undergone an operation for appendecitis. He is rallying at this writing.

Mr. Joseph Douglass, the celebrated violinist started on his New England tour Tuesday evening accompanied by Ford Dabney, the phenomenal pianist. They have engagements through September.

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It Was Taken During the Third Year of the General's Second Term in the White House.

A rare and curious picture of Gen. U. S. Grant, which is reproduced herewith, came into the possession of the Washington correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle last week. It was taken during the third year of Gen. Grant's second term in the white house, in the month of August, 1876, by George Prince, the well-known Washington photographer, who was at that time

RARE PICTURE OF GRANT.
(Taken During His Second Term as President of the Republic.)

official photographer for the treasury department.

The photograph was secured for use on the face of a medal that was issued at one of the government mints at that time. Mr. Prince says that he does not think that Gen. Grant wore his whiskers in the manner shown in the photograph for more than a few weeks.

He shaved off his mustache and chin whiskers because he was then suffering from an irritation of the skin. Mrs. Grant disliked his appearance in the sideboards so much that the general soon thereafter allowed his full beard to grow again.

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been as careful as he to present bare facts, and to present them as fully as the statistician can. It was he who originated the famous and much misquoted saying: "Figures do not lie, but liars figure." He began life as a country schoolmaster in New Hampshire and went from pedagogy into law. In 1885 he was made the first labor commissioner of the United States. His published works make a very considerable library.

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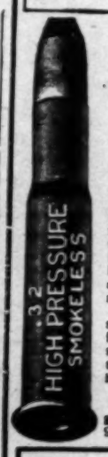

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